

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are pending in the current application. Claims 1, 9, 13 and 17 are independent. Claims 1, 9, 13 and 18 are amended in response to the outstanding rejections.

**Interview Summary**

During the telephonic interview conducted July 8, 2008, the subject matter of the present application and the pending claims were reviewed in light of the applied reference of Terry (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0027997).

Applicants' representative explained that, contrary to the pending claims which recite obtaining buffer-utilization information for each of the end points and adaptively adjusting at least one of...respective buffer capacities of the buffers allocated to each of the end points based upon the buffer utilization, respectively, Terry merely discloses adaptively increasing or decreasing the data flow into a buffer node. In response to the argument, the Examiner indicated that, in his opinion, adaptively increasing or decreasing the data flow would alter or adjust the capacity of the buffer. Therefore, a claim amendment was proposed to recite "adaptively adjusting at least one of...maximum buffer size." The examiner agreed that such an amendment would overcome the references of record.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-18 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$1,050.00 extension fee herewith.

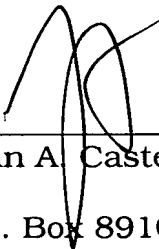
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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